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## WAY MY SHARPOARD.

### Business Reported to Be Laying Plans to That End.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The visit of J. H. Harrison to Washington is said to have been his long cherished wish to gain control of the Southern Air Line. It is reported that he came to Washington in order to confer with certain of the capitalists who are southern men. It is as yet uncertain he did not do so at the White House.

The road has for some time been under a joint receivership, comprising the John Shelton Williams and the Thomas F. Ryan interests. It is said that Ryan, who recently announced his retirement from active business, is willing to consider a fair proposition to dispose of his holdings in the railroad, and that Harrison intends to buy.

Several years ago Mr. Harrison owned the Southern Pacific and Illinois Central, and Georgia. It is said now that he desires to extend his activities and holdings in the southern field and that the opportunity to do so, he states, lies in the acquisition of the Seaboard.

The Seaboard, running from Richmond to Tampa through the eastern portion of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and through central Florida to Jacksonville and thence to the west coast to Tampa, traverses a section rich in tonnage possibilities.

It would give Harrison another competing line of the Louisville & Nashville, which is the Illinois Central's most formidable competitor, and which is a part of the Atlantic Coast Line system, whose chief competitor for the traffic of the eastern shore from Virginia to Florida is the Seaboard.

## The School Book Question.

The True Democrat desires to tell the people of Florida the exact truth about the school book question, and to that end has taken the trouble to make a searching inquiry of school book publishers regarding the prices at which school books may be bought by the people of Florida. It has found, beyond a doubt, that special editions of practically all common school books used in this state may be bought anywhere in this state at the same price, and at the same terms, that State Uniformity books are sold anywhere in the United States. Further, that at least one reputable publishing concern will enter into contracts with the county boards of education to supply its books at special editions at State Uniformity prices for an indefinite period of time that is, for as long as the county

boards of education may want such special editions. The prices at which special editions of school books are sold in Suwannee county may be obtained by all other counties in the State. In fact, several other counties in the State are now using the same special editions used in Suwannee county, and at the same cheap prices. Under these circumstances, the True Democrat asks in all sincerity, why should the State of Florida take away from the County Boards of Education the right to select and adopt school books, when these boards may obtain the very cheapest school books sold anywhere in the United States simply by asking for them. There is no need of a State Uniformity School Book Law in Florida. All that is needed is to make the Humphreys' bill a law; for under that law the State Uniformity Editions and prices would be obtained without any of the unspeakably dangerous disadvantages of the State Uniformity. The people of Florida may well thank Senator Humphreys for the solution of the school book question contained in his bill; and the True Democrat hopes that his bill will be enacted into a law by the Legislature which will assemble April.—Tallahassee True Democrat.

## Florida Colonies Increasing.

A tract of 14,000 acres, having a frontage of four and a half miles on the eastern shore of Hillsborough was sold one day last week to a firm with whom were associated in deal Robert Felty, of Connellsville, Pa., and W. W. Wright, of Cadiz, O. The tract, says the Tampa Times, is divided into ten and twenty acre lots and colonized mostly with expert agriculturists and truck growers from the vicinity of the homes of the two gentlemen. Before being put on the market the land will be thoroughly improved, new roads being opened in addition to the two well improved roads which now pass through the tract, probably a creek which passes through it made navigable for vessels of shallow draught. Between 300 and 500 families will be brought to Florida to occupy these lands. There is an increasing number of such prospective or actual colonies reported in Florida and the movement to fill up the state with experienced agriculturists has only begun. Of two of these other projects the Times says: "With the settlement of 5,000 industrious Italians in Manatee county and the carving of large sections of Duval into five acre farms there seems a good prospect that Florida will before many years be peopled with the number of inhabitants it can sustain in comfortable and even luxurious circumstances.—Short Talks in Times-Union.

## Local Overflow.

H. J. Heath, of Branford, was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Evelyn Cherry, of Goldsboro, N. C., died at the Wesley Memorial hospital in Atlanta on the 17th inst. Mrs. Cherry was a sister of the late Mr. E. H. Alford, of this city, and her remains were brought here for burial. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. I. S. Patterson, of Trinity Methodist church, at the home of Miss Alford, on North Monroe street. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cherry, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. Willis Alford, of Chaires, and Mrs. Grace, of South Florida, all relatives of the deceased. Mrs. Cherry was the mother of Mr. Edward Cherry, of this city.—Tallahassee correspondent in Times-Union. Mrs. Cherry was well known here where she lived for several years with her daughter. Miss Mamie

opened up a general store—has bought one of the best business lots in the place and is having a business house erected. J. E. Davis contemplates buying a farm for stock raising purposes and making it his home. Inverness is probably making a greater growth now than any other town or city in Florida. The population has doubled within the past year, and prospects are good for a greater increase for 1909. The Chronicle, Walter Warnock's paper, one of the brightest and best weekly newspapers in Florida, with our good old friend Maj. Butler, local editor, is doing splendid work for Inverness and Citrus county, and deserves the liberal support it is receiving. A live, progressive newspaper like the Chronicle is worth its weight in gold to any town.

The Democrat learns that G. H. Dorman, of Houston, had the misfortune on last Sunday to lose two valuable mules in rather a peculiar manner. Before leaving home for church he turned his mules out in the lot, and upon returning home he found both as dead. At first it was thought they had been poisoned, but after a careful examination of the animals it was found

that a blood vessel had broken in each, causing almost instant death. The male had been fighting or running in the lot and in this manner had worked themselves to such an extent as to cause their death. The old adage that "misfortunes never come single" was certainly proved true in this instance. Mr. Dorman can ill afford to lose a span of good mules just at this season of the year when he is commencing his year's work on the farm.

Sunday night, Feb. 1, at 7:30 the Rev. P. J. Brennan, of Tallahassee, will begin a course of sermons and lectures in Miss Emma Parsley's church next to Suwannee hotel, for the benefit of everyone in Live Oak. The congregation has been made that our country is not Christian, so let all attend these services and help to put down the slander. The preacher's object is to effect Christian unity as far as possible without which, as everyone realizes, Christianity will not prosper in this country or any other. Let everyone attend and help the good cause.

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